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WELFARE REFORM BILL/No Welfare if Delinquent on Child Support

SUBJECT: Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 1995 . . . H.R. 4. Boxer modified amendment No. 2482 to the Dole modified perfecting amendment No. 2280 to the committee substitute amendment.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 91-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported with a committee substitute amendment, H.R. 4, the Family Self-Sufficiency Act will overhaul 6 of the Nation's 10 largest welfare programs.

The Dole modified perfecting amendment would strike the provisions of the committee substitute amendment and insert in lieu thereof substitute provisions, entitled "The Work Opportunity Act of 1995."

The Boxer modified amendment would deny means-tested Federal benefits to any non-custodial parent more than 2 months delinquent in paying child support. Benefits would resume if a payment schedule were agreed to. For second and subsequent delinquencies, benefits would be denied for 2 years. The term "means-tested Federal benefits" would be defined "as any program of assistance, funded in whole or in part, by the Federal Government, for which eligibility for benefits is based on need." As modified, the amendment would not deny emergency medical care or nutrition benefits to teenage parents.

Those favoring the amendment contended:

America's children are owed more than \$34 billion in delinquent child support payments. Welfare rolls could be reduced by one-third if families could rely on even \$300 a month of child support. Some of the parents who owe child support are receiving Federal assistance. We are highly offended that the American taxpayers are aiding parents who are refusing to take care of their own children. The Boxer amendment, accordingly, would deny Federal assistance to such deadbeat parents until such time as they met their obligations to their children. Most of the delinquent parents are deadbeat dads, though the Boxer amendment would apply to deadbeat moms as well. For a first offense, a schedule to pay any delinquent amount would be set up. For a second or subsequent offense, benefits would be denied for 2 years. As modified to meet some Senators' concerns, emergency medical benefits would never

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Republican (47 or 100%)		Democrats (44 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (7)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Hatfield	Akaka	Inouye			Campbell ⁻²	Breaux ⁻²
Ashcroft	Helms	Baucus	Johnston			Cochran ⁻²	Pryor ⁻²
Bennett	Hutchison	Biden	Kennedy			Mack ⁻²	
Bond	Inhofe	Bingaman	Kerry			McCain ⁻²	
Brown	Jeffords	Boxer	Kerry			McConnell ⁻²	
Burns	Kassebaum	Bradley	Kohl			Murkowski ⁻²	
Chafee	Kempthorne	Bryan	Lautenberg			Thompson ⁻³	
Coats	Kyl	Bumpers	Leahy				
Cohen	Lott	Byrd	Levin				
Coverdell	Lugar	Conrad	Lieberman				
Craig	Nickles	Daschle	Mikulski				
D'Amato	Packwood	Dodd	Moseley-Braun				
DeWine	Pressler	Dorgan	Moynihan				
Dole	Roth	Exon	Murray				
Domenici	Santorum	Feingold	Nunn				
Faircloth	Shelby	Feinstein	Pell				
Frist	Simpson	Ford	Reid				
Gorton	Smith	Glenn	Robb				
Gramm	Snowe	Graham	Rockefeller				
Grams	Specter	Harkin	Sarbanes				
Grassley	Stevens	Heflin	Simon				
Gregg	Thomas	Hollings	Wellstone				
Hatch	Thurmond						
	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Buisiness
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

be denied, nor would nutritional assistance for teenage parents. With these caveats, we are certain now that this amendment will meet with the firm approval of a majority of our colleagues.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.